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*Award:* Anyone can nominate a project, process, person or group that has used FHWA funding sources to make an outstanding contribution to transportation and the environment. The nominator is responsible for submitting an application via the FHWA Environmental Excellence Awards Web site that gives a summary of the outstanding accomplishments of the entry. The collected information will be used by FHWA to evaluate the project, showcase environmental excellence, and enhance the public's knowledge of environmental stewardship in the planning and project development process. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges from varying backgrounds. It is anticipated that awards will be given every 2 years. The winners are presented plaques at an awards ceremony.

*Respondents:* Anyone who has used FHWA funding sources in the 50 States, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

*Frequency:* The information will be collected biennially.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours per respondent per application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 150 applications for an estimated total of 1200 annual burden hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Michael Howell,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0029]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with part 235 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated February 26, 2016, the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0029.

*Applicant:* Canadian Pacific Railway, Ms. Cindy Ingram, Director S&C Maintenance—Southern Region, 3420 Miller Avenue, Davenport, IA 52802.

CP seeks approval of the discontinuance of the automatic block signal system in the Nahant Yard area from Milepost (MP) 194 to MP 198.6. The system spans two subdivisions: The Davenport Subdivision from MP 194 to MP 195.5 and the Ottumwa Subdivision from MP 195.51 to MP 198.6, on the Quad Cities Division in Nahant, IA.

The reason for the request is to relieve congestion caused by the authority of the yard limits extending south of the current absolute signal located at MP 196.6. The block south of the absolute signal at MP 196.6, being occupied by yard operations, prevents the dispatcher from clearing signals northward at Control Point Montpelier at MP 205.5. This requires trains to stop while occupying highway-rail grade crossings and hand-line their route before proceeding northward.

With this discontinuance, the signals at MP 194 and MP 194.18 will be removed. The signals at MP 196.5-6 will be relocated to MP 198.6-7, at the south end of Nahant Yard limits with a distant signal installed. The portion of track from MP 193.0 to MP 198.6 will be governed under the General Code of Operating Rules, Rule 6.13, Yard Limits, to protect train movements.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the

petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by June 6, 2016 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov>.

[www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice](http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice) for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

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Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0028]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated April 7, 2016, Denver Regional Transportation District Commuter Railroad (RTDC) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 234. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0028.

Denver Regional Transportation District Commuter Railroad (RTDC), located in Denver, Colorado, seeks a temporary waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 234.207—*Adjustment, repair, or replacement of component*, and 49 CFR 234.225—*Activation of warning system*. RTDC states that the University of Colorado's A Line is anticipated to open for passenger service on April 22, 2016. The grade crossings along that line use a Positive Train Control—(PTC) based Wireless Crossing Activation System (WCAS) to ensure constant warning times to motorists as trains approach. However, the WCAS may not be available for the first 90 days of revenue service. When WCAS is not available, warnings at grade crossings will be activated by a traditional Automatic Train Control (ATC) system with approach and island circuits. At RTDC, this will result in longer than designed warning times. The RTDC states that grade crossing attendants will be present at all grade crossings to ensure that highway traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists are monitored to deter "gate-run-arounds" until the PTC WCAS is fully tested and operational. The grade crossing attendants will meet the requirements established for an Appropriately Equipped Flagger pursuant to 49 CFR 234.5.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's

(DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0028) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by May 23, 2016 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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**Robert C. Lauby,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0030]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated March 29, 2016, Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0030.

*Applicant:* Kansas City Southern Railway, Mr. Steven E. Jones, Director, Signal Operations, 4601 Hillary Huckaby III Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107.

KCS seeks approval of the discontinuance of Control Point (CP) North Ruliff at Milepost (MP) 740.6, on the Southwest Division, Beaumont Subdivision, Ruliff, TX. KCS will remove the CP and install an intermediate signal, hand-operated switch, and switch circuit controller.

These changes are being proposed due to recovery from catastrophic flooding. CP North Ruliff's signal housing and facing signal were washed away. KCS would like to make these changes permanent due to the fact that the side track at CP Ruliff is a single-ended track and is not used to meet trains.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be